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FOR ANALYSIS WITH A BIOSENSOR



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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action, mailed April 3, 2002 (Paper No. 15), please consider the following remarks. This response is timely filed on June 27, 2002, in advance of the July 3, 2002 deadline.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Please cancel claims 20, 22, 23, and 26-28, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 19 and 21 to read as follows:

19. (Amended) A sample solution treating instrument comprising:

(a) a sample introducing part;

(b) a control means for converting a sample solution to a condition for analysis by a biosensor that electrochemically measures a specific component in the sample solution, wherein the control means comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of a catalyst which is capable of converting an interfering substance in the sample solution to a harmless substance having no adverse effect on a measurement result of the specific component obtained by analysis with the biosensor, an adsorbent which is capable of adsorbing and removing an interfering substance from the sample solution, and a buffer agent which is capable of adjusting a pH of the sample solution to a pH range adequate for an activity of an enzyme in the biosensor; and

(c) a sample releasing part;

wherein the instrument is not physically coupled to the biosensor.